

Harriet Teuchert Ervin

1917-2009

Harriet Ervin, beloved mother of Nancy Kleeman, Shelley Ervin and John Ervin, passed away on April 16, 2009. She was 91.

Harriet loved long walks in her Balboa Peninsula Point neighborhood in the '60s and '70s, and was happy to return to The Point in 2005

to live with her daughter Shelley and son-in-law Steven. She felt a kinship with the sandpipers that used to follow her on evening walks along the beach.

The first woman radio host in the OC, Harriet had her own late night show on KOCM in the '60s. Gifted with a sexy, Lauren Bacall voice, she got raves from loyal listeners. She wrote, produced and did voice-overs in commercials, and later became a publicist. An ardent art lover, she helped put local artists on the map. Theatrical and passionate about music (*"ohhh, that Sinatra"*) and dancing, Harriet was famous for her zany brand of tap and improvisational dancing, retaining the agility to perform chorus-line style high kicks into her 80s. Completely uninhibited, she couldn't resist the urge to break out in dance anywhere, any time. A dedicated activist, she generously gave her time to many environmental and senior justice causes.

She was an animal lover and especially fond of dogs, seeking them out to pet on walks. "A doggie a day keeps the doctor away" she'd laugh. She was always there to pet-sit her daughters' dogs.

Over her long life, all who knew Harriet were inspired by her gypsy nature, joy of living and fiercely independent spirit. She also leaves behind a large extended family, who adored her colorful stories and off-beat humor. A one-of-a-kind, Harriet will be greatly missed. A memorial service is pending. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Guide Dogs For The Blind, San Rafael, CA; (800) 295-4050.

